Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Assam

3716. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of districts still without any Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Assam; and

(b) the measures being taken by the Government to establish Krishi Vigyan Kendras in all the remaining districts of the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) There are 18 districts in Assam without any Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) which are: (i) Barpeta, (ii) Darang, (iii) Dibrugarh, (iv) Dhubri, (v) Goalpara, (vi) Jorhat, (vii) Kamrup, (viii) Karbi Anglong, (ix) Karimganj, (x) Nagaon, (xi) Lakhimpur, (xii) North Cachar, (xiii) Nalbari, (xiv) Dhemaji, (xv) Marigaon, (xvi) Hailakandi, (xvii) Bongaigaon, (xviii) Sibsagar.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have taken up various alternative approaches with the Planning Commission for establishment of more KVKs in the country including Assam.

National Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Areas

3717. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of States where the National Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Areas have been implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of areas where such projects have been implemented during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the achievements made under these projects so far during the said period in each State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). During the Eighth Five Year Plan, the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) is under implementation in 25 States and 2 Union Territories and covers an area of 45.84 lakh hectares.

The State-wise details in terms of area and number of watersheds are in Statement-I.

(c) Under this project soil and moisture conservation measures and diversified farming systems for improving the production are taken up both on arable and non-arable lands. Treatment of natural drainage lines and livestock development are other important components of the project. The major activities taken up are contour vegetative hedges, gully control, agro-foresty, dryland horticulrure, pasture development and sunken dugout structures.

State-wise utilisation of funds vis-a-vis the allocation and release of funds since inception of the project in 1990-91 till date is given in Statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

Giving the names of the States/Union Territory with areas covered under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas during VIII Plan.

S.No.	State/U.T.	Area covered (in ha.) under the Micro-Watershed Projects	Number of Micro-Watershed Projects taken up.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	191949	94
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1970	3
3.	Assam	104973	110
4.	Bihar	98978	191
5.	Goa	3808	4
6.	Gujarat	334261	168
7.	Haryana	18725	5
8.	Himachal Pradesh	37240	58
9.	Jammu and Kasmir	22000	44
10.	Karnataka	357607	85
11.	Kerala	88276	114
12.	Madhya Pradesh	749641	385
13.	Maharashtra	917900	266
14.	Manipur	6821	5
15.	Meghalaya	4110	8
16.	Mizoram	17666	20
17.	Nagaland	14125	28
18.	Orissa	388875	258
19.	Punjab	19270	13
20.	Rajasthan	533939	204
21.	Sikkim	7031	12
22.	Tamil Nadu	176390	88
23.	Tripura	7634	17
24.	Uttar Pradesh	327716	202
25.	West Bengal	150000	165
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	692	3
27.	Andaman and Nicobar	2669	4
	Total	4584266	2554